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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Kazuhisa FUKUSHIMA et al.**

Art Unit: **1634**

Application Number: **10/801,544**

Examiner: **Bradley L. Sisson**

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Confirmation Number: **2323**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING  
AND PURIFYING BIOPOLYMERS**

Attorney Docket Number: **042187**  
Customer Number: **38834**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 18, 2009

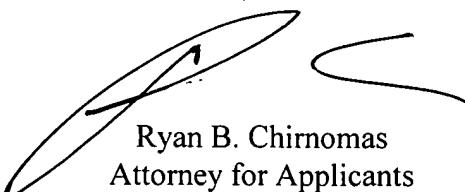
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009 for one month from April 22, 2009 to May 22, 2009.

Attached please find our payment in the amount of \$130.00 for the cost of the extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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